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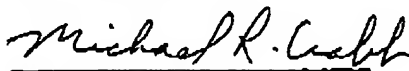
We would like to bring to your attention that the above identified patent application has been assigned to Group Art Unit 2835, which we feel may be incorrect. A subsequent continuing application, US Serial No. 10/823,220 was filed on April 13, 2004 and was assigned to Group Art Unit 3763. Perhaps both of these applications should be assigned to the same Group Art Unit and examiner.

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